to participate in temple festival, were kept out of the Car festival in Kandadevi, a village in Southern Tamil Nadu, during the June, 2005;

(b) if so, details thereof, including the action taken in the matter; and

(c) the details of the similar incidents, if any, reported in various parts of the country and the action taken during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) Government of Tamil Nadu has apprised that Kandadevi temple car festival was conducted on 21.06.2005 at Sivagangai District peacefully in which all Hindus irrespective of caste, creed or community including the Dalits participated.

(b) No incident relating to car festivals has been reported.

Welfare schemes in Uttar Pradesh

75. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects going on in Uttar Pradesh for the welfare of people belonging to weaker sections of the society;

(b) the number of projects undertaken in the State during the last three years and the amount spent thereon; and

(c) the details of the achievements made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) 184 projects are going on in Uttar Pradesh through NGOs for the welfare of people belonging to weaker sections of the society.

(b) and (c) During the last three years, a total of Rs. 99.09 crore has been released to Non-Governmental Organizations under various schemes of the Ministry for running 575 projects benefiting 3,44,463 persons belonging to weaker sections of the society.